(7) are there any clerks in any other department who are not drawing Rs. 40—60 even after their total service of over 18 years;

(8) can the present Head clerks of Registry offices, at least those who were drawing Rs. 25—40 on 1st Chingam 1105 expect to get a permanent footing on Rs. 40—60 when they complete 20 years' service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Eleven. A statement of their service upto 23rd January 1934 showing the other particulars as well is appended. (*Appendix I*).

(2) Yes. There were 6. Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II*). It is not possible to state definitely when they may expect the scale Rs. 40—60.

(3) Government do not think that any remedy is called for in the matter.

(4) There is no difference in the nature of the work done; but in important stations only Head clerks on Rs. 40—60 are generally posted.

(5) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix III*).

(6) Subject to efficiency, seniority in grade is the criterion.

(7) Yes. Vide statement appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(8) It has necessarily to depend on several factors. A definite answer is not possible.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—With reference to (6), is this the rule that is generally followed in all the departments as well?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has there been no instance of any deviation from this rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(8) Is there any bar for these clerks to get their ordinary grade of Rs. 40—60 at any future time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know, Sir, whether a departmental test is held in the Registration Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is held every year.

Purchase of horses.

214. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many animals (horses and mares) were purchased in (i) 1932 and (ii) 1933 from Bombay;

(b) how many of them were horses and mares according to the identification (marks) certificates obtained;

(c) how many of them were horses and mares when brought to Cochin State;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaint about these transactions; and if so,

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(e) whether the complaint will be placed on the table;

(f) whether the Government are in possession of any identification (marks) certificates of the animals, obtained at the place of purchase; and if so,

(g) whether such evidence will be placed on the table;

(h) what are the marks of identification of the animals delivered in Cochin State;

(i) the name of the officer who had been put in charge of purchasing these animals?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—(a) 1932 Nil.

1933 Twenty.

(b) 16 gelds and 4 mares according to the descriptive roll supplied by the Principal, Veterinary College, Bombay.

(c) 14 gelds and 6 mares were received here.

(d) No.

(e) In view of the answer to (d) this does not arise.

(f) Yes.

(g) A copy of the descriptive roll prepared by the Principal, Veterinary College, Bombay, is appended. (*Appendix V*).

(h) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Appendix VI*).

(i) Mr. C. R. V. Sarma, Veterinary Inspector, Ernakulam.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, what transformation took place between the time when these horses were purchased at Bombay and before they reached Cochin so as to transform these gelds into mares and the mares into gelds? What was the process adopted? (*Laughter.*)

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—This change was brought to the notice of the Government and the action is being taken. It is pending enquiry.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any difference in value for the mares and gelds?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It can be found out only in the course of enquiry.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has there been any misappropriation in this transaction?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is under enquiry; nothing has come out so far.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Did the Government entertain really any suspicion?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I already answered that the matter is under enquiry.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is there any difference in value between gelds and mares?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There may be.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have not the Government got a list of the price given to each animal at Bombay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know who purchased these animals?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Veterinary Inspector, Ernakulam.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was he present when these animals were purchased and examined by the Principal, Veterinary College, Bombay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has he given any explanation for this transformation? Since he was present on the spot I suppose he cannot plead that the examination was not thorough.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—His explanation has been called for.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was it called for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Two days back.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Do the distinguishing marks given in the certificates agree?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In some case there have been some difference.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Did the Government call for explanation before this question was received?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Long ago.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It was stated just now that the explanation was called for only two days ago.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A report was received about three weeks back regarding this matter, and it was referred to the Veterinary Inspector for remarks. His explanation was not satisfactory. According to the Standing Orders formal charges have to be framed against an officer before he is condemned. So formal charges were framed against him and his explanation has been called for.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—When were these horses brought from Bombay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About six months back.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the cause for this long delay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I said that the report was received from the Commissioner only some three weeks back.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who took charge of these animals?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I take charge of the animals only after they have been trained by the Veterinary Inspector. It takes some time. After I took charge I found that there were some differences in the horses. I called for an explanation from the Veterinary Inspector. As the explanation submitted

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by him was not satisfactory I placed the matter before the Government.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know, Sir, whether the animals purchased were all of them quadrupeds or some of them only three legged?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One of them was a little lame. With regard to that the Principal of the Veterinary College has stated that it was damaged in transport and that it will improve in due course and as such there was no objection to its being purchased.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any improvement now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is much improvement.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Commissioner of Police or the Government has received any anonymous petition about this?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the practice that is being adopted when these animals are transferred from the charge of one officer to that of another officer?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I am only responsible for the horses purchased for His Highness' Body Guard. They are generally under the charge of the Veterinary Inspector until they are trained. I took charge of them only after they have been trained.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the practice?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In previous years the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade used to go for purchasing horses and so it will be under his charge.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Since there appears to be something rotten in this transaction will the Government be pleased to order a thorough enquiry in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The matter is already being carefully enquired into.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I know why a defective animal was purchased? Was it for want of a good animal?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No defective animal was purchased. It was only a little damaged in the course of transhipment.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place the report on the Council Table after the enquiry is over?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Classification followed in periodical lists of appointments.

215. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the answer to sub-division (d) of question No. 441, dated 12th August 1933—

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APPENDIX V.

Bombay Veterinary College, Parel, Bombay dated 3rd February 1933.
This is to certify that I examined this day the 3rd February 1933, twenty horses with the following description at the request of Cochin Darbar at Messrs. J. Gove's Stables:—

No.	Colour	Sex	Height			Brands, and distinguishing marks
			Age.	Hds.	In.	
1	Brown	Geld	6	15	1⅞	V n/sad. Star. off fore fet: grey F n/qrt. B2X.
2	Ch. Roan	Mare	6	15	2	V n/sad. Faint star. Off hind heel and cor partly IH n/qrt.
3	Chest	Geld	6	15	2	V n/Sad. Star. V n/shdr. Off n/qrt.
4	Chest	Mare	5½	15	2	V n/sad. No. white Off n/qrt.
5	D. Bay	Geld	6	15	2	V n/sad Star snip, OG n/shdr. OG n/qrt.
6	Bay	geld	6	15	1¾	V n/sad Star CMQ n/shdr. OG n/qrt. all fore cor. black
7	Brown	do	5½	15	2	WI n/sad. Star broken reach snip into n/nostril
8	Bay	do	6	15	1⅞	V n/sad. Star snip n/fore cor. off hind fetlock up to cannon
9	Bay	do	6	15	2	V n/sad. Star off fore fetlock partly NB n/shdr.
10	Bay	do	6	15	2	V n/sad. Star reach snip (ring bone near hind guaranteed)
11	Bay	do	6	15	2	V n/sad. N n/shdr. Star reach snip, off hind pastern partly
12	Chest	do	5	15	2	V n/sad. (Splint n/fore guaranteed; blaze into both nostrils, off fore fetlock partly O or u/qrt.
13	Bay	do	5	16		V n/sad. Star reach snip, both fore pastern partly
14	Bay	do	6	16		V n/sad. saddle marks. NNC n/shdr. IH n/qrt.
15	Bay	do	5	16		V n/sad. Star, near hind cate fetlock off hind sock
16	Bay	do	4	16		B n/sad. Faint star 2 (indistinct brand near shoulder)
17	Brown	Mare	5	15	2	V n/sad. Star, enlarged off hind leg (shipping temporary)
18	Brown	do	5	15	2	V n/sad. Star, near hind pastern with ermine IH n/qrt.
19	Brown	Geld	5	15	2	V n/sad. star both hind fetlock partly D2G n/qrt.
20	Bay	do	6	15	1¾	FH " near hind pastern F n/qrt.

In my opinion the above mentioned horses are sound.

(Sd.) V. R. Phadke G. B. V, C. J. P,
Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.

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APPENDIX VI.

No.	Colour	Sex	Age	Height Hds. In.	Brands and distinguishing marks
1	Bay	Geld	...	.. ...	Star—M N. Sad. OGT N. Shoulder
	Another grey mark N. H. on N Quart.				
2 3 4	The same marks as in the descriptive roll prepared by the Principal Bombay Veterinary College.				
5	Bay	Geld	..	.. ...	Star. Snip. N. Sad QJT. off Hind Cornea white
6 7 8 9	The same marks as in the descriptive roll prepared by the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.				
10	Bay	Mare	..	... ..	V. N. Sad. Star. reach Snip.
11	L. Brown	Mare	...	... ...	Star N N. Sad N. Quart V. 2 X.
12	Chestnut	Geld	...	.. ...	Blaze into both nostrils. off Fetlock partly N. Sad N. Shoulder, Quart. marks illegible.
13	The same marks as in the descriptive roll prepared by the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.				
14	Bay	Geld	6	16	MGC V n/Sad, saddel marks, n/Shoulder, 41 n/qrt.
15	Bay	Geld	5	16	.. V n/Sad, star near hind fetlock off-hind sock F near quarter, F7x near shoulder.
16 17	The same marks as in the descriptive roll of the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.				
18	Brown	Mare	5	15	2 V n/Sad, near hind pastern with ermine 1 H n/qrt. n/shoulder.
19	Brown	Geld	..	... ...	Star both hind Fetlock white.
20	D. Bay	Geld	...	... ..	V.N.Sad. U 2R F3 N.Hind Sad. F. H. N. F. N. Qrt. V.K. 4. 2 Off shoulder.

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